

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

-- A coating layer formed from an outermost layer and an inner layer disposed on a substrate surface of a surface coated cutting tool. The inner layer is formed from a periodic table group IVa, Va, VIA metal, Al, Si, B compound. The outermost layer is formed from aluminum nitride or aluminum carbonitride. The outermost layer has a chlorine content of more than 0 and no more than 0.5 atomic percent. The protective coating on the tool surface is made easier to form during cutting by further adding a predetermined amount of chlorine to the film formed from aluminum nitride, which provides thermal stability and lubricity. Lubricity can be increased by using this protective coating. --

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